

State of Connecticut }
Fairfield County } Stamford Probate District

On this 28th day of July 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Probate for said District, now in Session, John Brown a resident of Derim in said State, County & District aged seventy years & upwards, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, viz, That he was born at Stamford, Fairfield County, Connecticut on the 24th of Sept. 1761 - That when he was about twelve years of age his Father removed, with his Family, from said Stamford to Salina, West Chester County & State of New York & from thence shortly afterwards to New Stamford, in the last mentioned State - in 1777 the Indians drove the Settlers of New Stamford into the neighborhood of the forts at Schoharie - in this year the declarant, ^{entered the service of the United States at Schoharie & D} entered into a Company commanded by Capt. John Harper Lieutenant, M^{rs}. Harper & Joseph Bartholomew (who as he believes are all dead) for five, six or seven months, the precise term of his enlistment he does not remember - he served until the term of his enlistment & was discharged - On the 1st of April 1778 he enlisted for nine months under Lieutenant John Deats, who had a command of thirty men, during this Campaign the Declarant with the command to which he was attached died thirty days provisions & went, under the command of Col. Butler of the 4th Pennsylvania Regt. to the Susquehanna & burnt three Indian villages viz Unandilla, Anaqueque & Tushnawona

as he believes the village was then called, - he served out the
term of his enlistment & was discharged & on the 1st of April
following, viz, 1779 he again enlisted under Lieut. Jacob Hager
for the term of nine months & went into the Fort at Cobits Hill
during this enlistment our thirty men had a new Officer to command
as every month I remember some of their names, viz, Lieut. John
Tates (who drew our pay) Lieut. Sweden Lieut. Rust - during this
enlistment I went, under the offer of Gen. Clinton, to join the army
of Gen. Sullivan - we went down the Susquehanna to Long Point
from there went up the Chemung Branch & attacked & took a Fort
we had thirty six men wounded & four killed there was but
three or four of our Company went on this expedition - I returned
& joined my Company at Cobits Hill. served out the term of
my enlistment & was discharged by Lieut. Froman on the 1st
of Jan'y 1780 & I lay in the middle Fort through the winter & on
the 7th of April of the same year, My Father (David Brown), my two
Brothers, viz, Solomon & David & myself with seven others of our
neighbors were taken by the Indians & others under the command of
Col. Brant & were carried Prisoners into Canada, first to Niagara from
there to Montreal, from which place we were sent on to an
Island in the St. Lawrence for safe keeping as Prisoners of War where
I remained until the 9th day of ^{June} 1782 when I swam from the Island &
made my escape in company with Lieut. ^{Bullough} ~~Butcher~~ of Col. Willett's
Regt. we made the best of our way to Albany & arrived there after
being fifteen days in the woods - We made immediate complaints
to Col. Willett (who was then at Albany) of the Treatment of the
American Prisoners there in Canada to which we made oath
in presence of Col. Willett & I believe he administered the oath
an account of which I shortly afterwards saw published in News Papers

I immediately returned to Stamford my native Place where
 my Mother & the remainder of the Family had previously gone
 In March 1783 I again went to Schoharie & remained there
 two years then returned to Stamford where I have ever since
 resided except only about three years when I resided in New York
 two days after we were taken by the Indians as stated above we were parted
 from my Father who I afterwards learnt was killed by the Indians
 five or six days after we were taken - He knows of no person
 within two Hundred Miles of this who has any knowledge of his Successor
 except from Reputation he refers to Rev. Daniel Smith a Clergyman
 living about two Miles from him & Ezra H. Bishop who lives about
 twenty rods from him who will testify as to his character for veracity
 In the Campaign of 1779 when they took the Fort the Decoynt marched in the
 Vanguard in company with the Buffs who were commanded by Major Ross
 and I was in his company - he has no record of this affair - never received his discharge
 He hereby relinquishes every claim & sheweth to a Pension or
 annuity except the present & declares that his name is not
 on the Pension roll of the army of our State ^{his} John J. Brown
 Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

W. Hawley Judge

We Daniel Smith a Clergyman residing in said Stamford &
^{Ezra H. Bishop} ~~John J. Brown~~ residing in said Town hereby certify that we are
 well acquainted with John Brown who has subscribed & sworn
 to the above Declaration. That we believe him to be seventy
 years of age that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood
 where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution &
 that we concur in that opinion

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

W. Hawley Judge Daniel Smith
 Ezra H. Bishop

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion
 after their investigation of the matter & after putting
 the interrogatories presented by the said Applicant
 in that the above named Applicant was
 a revolutionary soldier of the said State

State of New York,
Schoharie County ss.

Peter Shaper of the town of Schoharie in said county being duly sworn according to law; deposed and saith this deponent believeth that John Brown which called on him this deponent saith this ^{the} same man which was enlisted in the year 1778 in a company of rangers commanded by captain John Ditz in the regiment commanded by col Peter Knapp in Schoharie of the militia; this deponent saith that he and the said John Brown served together nine months in the company of captain Ditz in Schoharie and in Middle fort and in that vicinity and was honorably discharged in Schoharie this deponent further testifies that he believeth that the said John Brown served in 1779 in fort Dubois at Cobleskill and has frequently seen said John Brown in the service in fort Dubois at Cobleskill and in that vicinity but this deponent does not recollect the captain's name where the said John Brown served under oath and subscribed
and sworn the 2^d day of May 1833
before Me Henry Shaper
a judge of Schoharie common
Pleas

John Brown

Henry Shaper a judge of the court of common Pleas in and for the county of Schoharie; do certify that I am well acquainted with Peter Shaper who took the foregoing oath that he is a man of credibility and to be believed under oath

Henry Shaper

State of New York, County of Schoharie ss. I John Richard Jr. Clerk of the said county do certify that Henry Shaper before whom the preceding affidavit purports to have been sworn, and whose name also appears to the certificate of credibility, was at the date of the same one of the judges of the court of common Pleas

State of New York } Be it known that on the
Schoharie County } 30th day of April 1833
Personally appeared before the undersigned
Justice of the Peace Isaac Patchin a person
to me well known, who being duly sworn
deposed and saith that he was acquainted
with John Brown, and that said Brown
enlisted with him under Capt. Alexander
Harper in the month of April 1777 and
the said Brown served nine months and
and was discharged, and then he enlisted
again under Colonel John Harper, for three
months which said time he served out.
In the Spring of the year 1780 the said
Brown was sent out with this deponent under
the command of Capt. Alexander Harper from
the Middle fort to Harpersfield when said
Brown was taken prisoner by the Indians
and carried to Niagara with this deponent
and that said Brown was a prisoner until
about June 1782 when the said Brown
swore off from Prison Island and escaped
and further this deponent saith not

Sworn to and subscribed Isaac Patchin
before me this 30th day of
April 1833

Arnon Tyler Justice of the Peace

State of New York }
County of Schoharie } I John Gehard Jr. Clerk of the
said county do hereby certify that Arnon Tyler before whom the
preceding affidavit purports to have been sworn, was at the
date of the same one of the Justices of the Peace in and for
the said county - and that I am acquainted with his hand
writing and verily believe his name subscribed to the said affidavit to be
his proper hand writing and signature of which my hand and seal of
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